

Remarks

Claims 22-34, 36-42 and 44 are now pending in this application. Applicant has amended claims 36-42 and 44 and cancelled claims 35, 43, and 45 to clarify the present invention. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner has allowed claims 22-34.

Applicant has amended claims 36-42 and 44 to depend from claims 22-34 and cancelled claims 35, 43, and 45. Therefore, all pending claims should now be allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 4,786,911 to Svy. The Examiner rejected claims 35, 38, 40, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,593,892 to Honda et al. The Examiner rejected claims 36, 37, 41, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Svy or Honda et al. in view of U.S. patent 2,532,551 to Jarvis. The Examiner rejected claim 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Svy or Honda et al. in view of Jarvis and further in view of U.S. patent 6,486,846 to Hart. The Examiner rejected claim 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Svy or Honda et al. in view of Jarvis and further in view of U.S. patent 6,268,834 to Josypenko.

These rejections are no longer relevant since Applicant presents only claims that the Examiner has allowed and claims dependent on the claims that the Examiner has allowed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections based upon the cited art.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this case, Applicant respectfully urges the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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